



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts
730 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA 02476
Phone: 781-316-3000

webmaster@town.arlington.ma.us

TAC Minutes 12/08/2010

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 12/8/10, 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Jean Clark, Jonathan Janik, John Lentz, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener;

Missing Members and Associates: Jessica French, Steve Kurland, Andy Machado, Jeff Maxtutis, Mike Rademacher, Scott Smith

Visitors Present: None

- Public Comments. None.
- Administration.
 - Minutes of 11/10/10 were approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
- Town Issues and Activities. Laura reported that the special permit for 30-50 Mill Street was in the final stage of approval by the ARB, with recommendations from TAC. Corey reported that the taxi stand at Winter St. and Mass. Ave. was removed, in keeping with TAC recommendations for parking in the East Arlington commercial area. He also reported that the signs around Dallin School are in process, removing parking from crosswalks.
- Traffic Calming Guidelines. Howard presented the working group's revised draft of the Traffic Calming Guidelines. TAC voted unanimously to approve as TAC guidelines. Guidelines will be sent to Selectmen, Town Manager, Police Chief and Fire Chief, DPW Director and Planning Director for informational purposes
- Parking Sign Placards on George and Renfrew. Voted unanimously to install additional signs reading, "When School is in Session" to existing signs reading "No Parking".
- Oakland/Gray. Elisabeth reported that new stop signs have been installed. Turning and pedestrians counts will be done by Elisabeth and Richard. Corey will look into crash data, and request tube counters be placed there. Curb extensions should also be a priority because of wide open geometry at this intersection.
- Mass./Water/Spengler Way. Ed reported the recommendations of the Working Group regarding pedestrian safety at this intersection. Short term recommendations are: Trial of no left turn from Spengler to Mass. Ave. (leaving Library) and Water to Mass. Ave. Signage saying "Do Not Block Intersection for eastbound Mass. Ave. Traffic, advance stop treatment 12 ft. from crosswalk. Curb extension on southwest corner (nearest Library) should be in 2nd phase. Phase 3 should include a beacon and possible signalization of the intersection. Corey said he would increase enforcement of the parking regulations approaching the intersection. At some future time we may revisit the options of moving the bus stop to accommodate a bus shelter and curb extension. Will vote in January.

- Elementary Schools.
 - Bishop—Principal Selvestri requested changes to prohibit parking on Columbia Road between the school entrance and Crosby St. Voted unanimously. Jean noted that crosswalk signs at Stowecroft and Ridge were never installed.
 - Brackett—A Brackett parent has requested a change to the designated school route on Pine Ridge. After consideration, TAC decided that this is the best route, and prefer to leave it as is.
- TAC Social. Scheduled for January 12, following a brief TAC meeting. Elisabeth will send around a guest list and food list for comment.
- New Thompson School. Recommendations of the Town Building Committee went to the State, with TAC recommendations. Laura will check on timing of decisions and funding.
- Flags. Jean reported that there has been no new information or progress. She and Jessica may need additional help to move it forward. Consensus was to pick it up in the spring.
- CLAMP Grant (Clean Air and Mobility Program). Proposals are due to Working Group on Friday. Hope to pick a designer in January. Proposals for next year's grant are open right now.
- Mass. Ave.—25% Design Plans were resubmitted November 10. Highway Division will hold a Public Hearing, probably in late winter. We are awaiting their comments.
- East Arlington Parking Study. Howard distributed a parking turnover study for the commercial district. Most cars move within the 2 hour limit. The peak demand was Friday at 3 pm and Saturday at 1:30, but parking was not fully utilized within the entire study area between Orvis and Varnum. Because the count data were not disaggregated by block, it was not possible to determine if parking on some blocks was fully utilized. Corey reported that the Police are proceeding on hiring a new Parking Enforcement Officer.
- Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Ed's meeting packet: Agenda, 12/8/10; Memo from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr, Re. Request Signage to Reduce Speed on Warren St. @ Chestnut St and Franklin St. to 15-20 mph, dated November 9, 2010; Email from Request/Answer Center to Marie Krepelka, Re: Incoming Signage Request, dated 11/08/2010; Memo to Ed Starr from Marie Krepelka Re Brackett School Crosswalk Safety Improvements, dated November 12, 2010; Memo to Board of Selectmen from Transportation Advisory Committee, Re. Brackett School Crosswalk Safety Improvements, dated October 28, 2010; Memo to Ed Starr from Marie Krepelka, Re. Request Stop Signs @ intersection of Yerxa Rd. and Hemlock Street and @ intersection of Dickson Avenue and Hemlock Street, dated November 17, 2010; Email from Request/Answer Center to Fran Reidy, Re. Incoming Signage Request, dated 11/16/10; Letter to Transportation Advisory Committee from Maria Lawcewicz, Re Middle School Children, Dangerous Street Crossing..., dated November 28, 2010; Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups, dated 12/9/10; BoS/ARB Project Status, dated 12/8/10; Status of Outstanding Actions, dated 12/9/10; Draft Actions from 11/10 TAC Meeting; Draft Report v1.0 12/6/10 Crosswalk at Mass/Water and Spengler Way; Memo to Arlington Redevelopment board from Transportation Advisory Committee Re. Review of Proposed 30-50 Mill Street Project Traffic Impact and Access Study, dated November 21, 2010.
- Transportation Advisory Committee Traffic Calming Guidelines, Draft, December 8, 2010.
- Memo to TAC from Howard Muise Re. East Arlington parking Turnover, dated December 8, 2010.

- Minutes of 11/10/10